

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for July 25 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### Well-Being Council meeting July today

The next Well-Being Council meeting will be 9:30 a.m., today, at the Post Chapel.

### OSJA Client Services changes hours

In order to better serve the APG community, the Client Services Division will change its hours to Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning July 23. For questions, call 410-278-1583.

### SOLE holds luncheon

The International Society of Logistics (formerly Society of Logistics Engineers) will hold a luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 23, in Top of the Bay's Gunpowder Room featuring guest speaker David Shaffer, deputy to the commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Seating is limited.

For more information, contact Larry Seed, 410-297-9550, larry.seed@msaincorp.com, or Paul Nelson, 410-436-4575, paul.nelson@us.army.mil.

### ACS holds Job Fair

The ACS Employment Readiness Program in partnership with the APG Military Transition Assistance Program will hold a Job Fair, 1 to 5 p.m., July 24, at the Aberdeen North Recreation Center. There will be various employers for full and part-time positions available. The Job Fair is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Employment Readiness Program, building 2754, 410-278-9669.

### ACS to celebrate its 42nd Birthday

Army Community Service will celebrate its 42nd Birthday with a picnic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 26, at Maryland Boulevard Park. Free tickets are available at the APG North ACS, building 2754

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# Leadership of APG Garrison changes hands

Story by  
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APG News

In a dual exchange of leadership among the top two military positions in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison, Col. John T. Wright and Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby turned over their responsibilities during a change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field July 13.

A picturesque day with a cool breeze and low humidity was the backdrop as Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman assumed command of the APG Garrison from Wright who is retiring after a 26-year career, the last three spent as the garrison commander.

Also, Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez formally assumed responsibilities from Irby.

The ceremony's host was Diane Devens, director of the Installation Management Command - Northeast Region, and former APG commander Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, presided over the retirement portion of the ceremony.

Instead of Soldiers, a display of garrison assets filled the parade field, representing a broad spectrum of the support provided by the garrison. They included heavy duty equipment from the Directorate of Installation Operations; police officers

and vehicles from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security; a rescue boat and fire engine from the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment's Fire and Emergency Services Division; and equipment from Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Directorate of Information Management.

"The equipment on display today is a representation of the broad spectrum of support provided [by the APG Garrison]," said the program narrator, APG Adjutant Janet Dettwiler.

Nadeau awarded Wright the Legion of Merit and his wife Tammy received the Commander's Award for Public Service.

Wright also received the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement, Presidential Certificate of Appreciation and a White House Letter of Appreciation.

Devens credited Wright with overseeing numerous accomplishments and transitions, most notably the Enhanced Use Lease and the initial preparations for the upcoming Base Realignment and Closure initiative.

"From saving money to bald eagles, Colonel Wright's command was marked by enthusiasm and hard work," she said.

She offered words of support to Weissman, saying that the two of them will continue "support of APG Soldiers and



Photo by SEAN KIEF, APG PHOTO LAB  
Diane Devens, director of the Installation Management Command - Northeast Region, left, passes the organization colors to Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, during his change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field July 12.

their Families."

"The future will be exciting and challenging," Devens told Weissman. "I urge you to enjoy every moment of your command time."

Nadeau said that he was honored to participate in the program and commended Wright on his professionalism. He said one of Wright's best

qualities was that he was able to rally those who otherwise would not play team sports to work together.

"He was better than most with the ability to take dollars available and keep things running in the absence of monies that did not come," Nadeau said. "He was the foundation for what will happen in the

next four years to put us all on the right track to the future."

Wright thanked Nadeau, Devens and former APG commander, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg "for their confidence in me the last few years."

He commended the men and women of the Garrison, saying, "they are the men and

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# American Red Cross warns of area blood shortage

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Due to a significant decline in blood donations, Greater Chesapeake & Potomac Region Blood Services of the American Red Cross has issued an urgent appeal to eligible blood donors to call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE as soon as possible.

According to Dr. Ben Edelman, professor of pathology at the University of Maryland, blood donations typically decline this time of year due to family vacations and nice weather, and the declining donations put a major strain on the blood supply.

"As a doctor, I cannot imagine having to tell a patient that blood needed to treat them is not available," Edelman said. "If blood donors do not come out and give, that type of situation may become a reality."

According to Jillian Agnew, Red Cross marketing and communications specialist, declined blood collections put

a major strain on the blood supply and make it difficult for the Red Cross to be prepared for emergency needs.

"Countless trauma victims, cancer patients, premature babies and those with surgical needs rely on the availability of transfusions each day," Agnew said. "Without volunteer blood donors, these patients' lives are on the line."

"We want to get the word out that the current supply is in a critical shortage," she added. "Donations go down during the summer months because people are busy and because of that, the need goes up."

The American Red Cross is asking individual members of the community to take the time to donate blood and it encourages businesses and community groups to schedule and organize blood drives.

Groups interested in scheduling a drive or obtaining further information can call 1-800-787-9282 ext. 4925 or visit <http://www.my-redcross.org>.

**Who can donate blood**  
[www.my-redcross.org](http://www.my-redcross.org)

Most people can be blood donors, but only 5 percent of the eligible population actually donates. A caring community can change that.

### About donating blood

Generally, any person age 17 or, in the state of Maryland only, 16 years of age with parental consent, weighing 110 pounds or more, in general good health, who has not received a tattoo within the past year, and has not donated in the last 56 days is eligible to donate blood.

### People can donate blood if they:

Have high blood pressure as long as their pressure is below 180/100 at the time of donation. (Note: Blood pressure medications do not disqualify a person from donating.)

Have diabetes (controlled by diet or medication).

Have completely recovered from surgery.

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# Army chaplains celebrate 232 years of service

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Army Chaplains celebrate 232 years of service to Soldiers and Family members July 29.

From its establishment on July 29, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress, the Army Chaplaincy has had a long and inspiring record of service for God and country. The Army Chaplaincy is the oldest of the American Military chaplaincies, predating the Declaration of Independence by almost a year. It has grown to be the largest diversified military chaplaincy in the world with chaplain and chaplain assistant deployments to every continent during its 232-year history.

Almost 14 percent of all Army chaplains have received battlefield decorations while serving as noncombatants in America's wars and conflicts. Some 400 chaplains have given their lives for their country. Six chaplains have been awarded the Medal of Honor and four others received posthumous special gold medals from Congress for heroism during the sinking of the troop ship, *Dorchester* in 1943.

Embedded in the Chaplaincy's history are not only stories of incredible dedication, commitment and selfless service by individual chaplains and chaplain assistants, but also accounts of adjustments to organizational changes that enabled the Army Chaplaincy to endure. A few examples of the challenges the Chaplaincy has had to meet as an organization illustrates this side of its history.

At the beginning of World War II, the Army Chaplaincy faced perhaps its greatest challenge. Only a generation old as a branch, the Chaplain Corps had barely 120 chaplains on duty in 1940. Chaplain (Col.) William Arnold was Chief of Chaplains. In April of that year, "the Carolina Maneuvers, an Army training exercise with 70,000 Soldiers, began at Camp Croft near Spartanburg, S.C. It was clear that the United States was prepar-

ing for war and would need a dramatic increase chaplains and assistants to provide religious support for Soldiers.

The attack of Pearl Harbor and Germany's declaration of war began a process of explosive expansion in numbers of American military personnel. Between 1940 and 1945 some 16 million men and women served in the U.S. armed forces, four times as many as in World War I. The Army Chaplain Corps grew to a total of 9,117 chaplains, 80 percent of whom had no prior military experience.

The challenges to the World War II Army Chaplaincy in terms of personnel expansion, doctrinal development, training, logistics and organization foreshadowed later challenges of the same type but with lesser magnitude.

Ramping up the Chaplaincy for service to Soldiers in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Southwest Asia, the Balkans and in more than 100 other deployments from the Pentagon and World Trade Center attacks on 9-11 to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom has engaged the attention of 15 Chiefs of Chaplains over the past 55 years.

The current transformation of the Army, which began in 1999, has launched both the Army and the Army Chaplaincy into a new revolution in military affairs. Fortuitously, this transformation began just two years before the War on Terrorism began.

The occasion of the 232nd anniversary of the Army Chaplaincy is a celebration of the Constitutional right of Soldiers, and of all Americans, to the free exercise of religion even when serving in difficult and challenging parts of the world.

The motto of the Chaplain Corps in "Pro Deo et Patria," that is, "For God and Country," signifying duty and loyalty to its highest ideals.

The chapel invites everyone to join in celebrating the services of the chaplaincy.

# DIO crews clean up storm damage

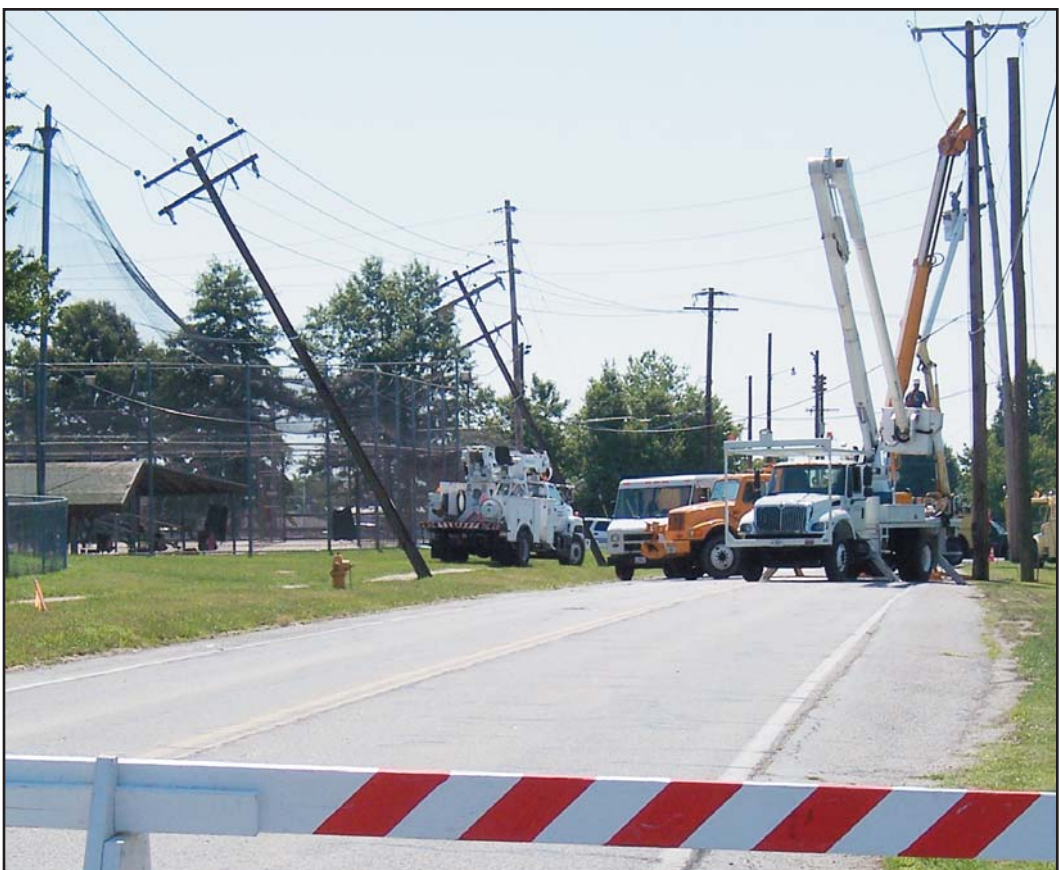


Photo by HEATHER TASSMER  
High voltage electrician specialists from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Installation Operations Utilities Branch team up to remove damaged electrical poles and replace them with new ones in the 4500 Block July 17. See more photos on page 13.